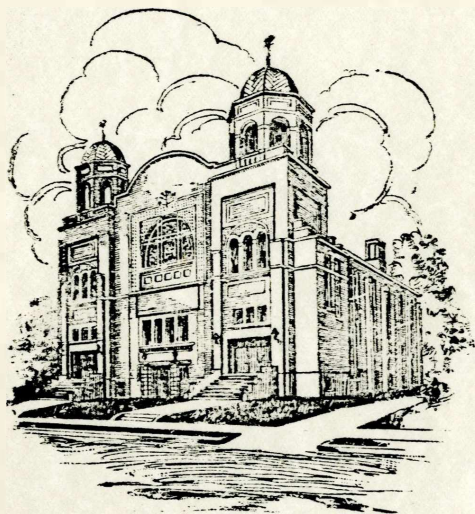


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KENESSETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

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FOREWORD

מה שבו אהליך יעקב, משכנותיך ישראל!

*How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob,
Thy dwellings, O Israel!*

These words were said, unwillingly, by the non-Jewish Prophet Balaam from the land of Aram. They referred to the Jewish synagogue, as commented by the Sages. During the entire period of wandering from one country to another, the first efforts of the Jewish people were concentrated on the organization of a House of Worship.

It was, therefore, recognized by Jews, as well as by non-Jews, that this institution was instrumental in keeping the Jews alive in spite of the minority representation in the general community; in spite of all hardships, pogroms, and persecutions which they were forced to live through.

The synagogue has served as more than a mere House of Worship. Just as the heart of a person serves as a center organ to supply blood to all parts of the body, without which no organ would be able to function, so the synagogue has always been the nucleus in the life of the Jewish community around which all important institutions were built, such as Talmud Torahs, benevolent societies, homes for the aged and children, centers of social activities, etc.

Therefore, when a congregation celebrates its fiftieth anniversary after having started life with the organization of a "minyan" on the second floor of a store with a very small group, sees its development into a large community, and through it the various institutions which have been organized, the occasion is of great significance.

It is for this purpose that we are today presenting this souvenir book, retelling the history of this institution during the past half century.

In the name of the Officers, Directors and all Committees who made this jubilee possible, it is my great privilege to thank all those who have participated in our celebration.

Rabbi Hirsh Heiman

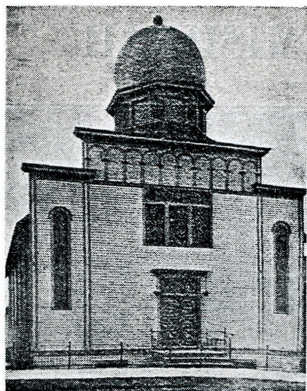
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FIRST SYNAGOGUE

KENESSETH ISRAEL

A History of 50 Years

FIFTY YEARS may be no more than a fleeting moment in the life of a people, but into that moment may be compressed the history of an epoch.

The story of Keneseth Israel as it celebrates its golden jubilee is the story of an old order evolving into a new one of vigorous life and growth. It is the story of the "mother of institutions," nurturing them, rearing them, setting them out to find each its own niche in the Minneapolis Jewish community—and to remember proudly from whence they sprang.

Keneseth Israel's story begins in the 80's, when immigrants were streaming into American shores to find a haven of refuge from the terror of pogrom, when the newest arrival was called a "greener" and sought quick adjustment among those who had come before as he did to mingle with his fellow man unafraid.

After several short-lived attempts a little group of men who hailed from the Lithuanian section of Czarist Russia succeeded in establishing a permanent "minyan." That was in 1888. The congregation took the name of O'Hel Jacob and rented from Abraham Farsht quarters over his store at 605 Second street north. Its establishment as the parent of Keneseth Israel marked the advent of the third Jewish congregation in Minneapolis, Sharei Tov (now Temple Israel) and Adath Jeshurun already having gotten under way.

Of those who formed O'Hel Jacob most have been gathered unto their fathers. But there still remain Hessel Spodeck, now president of Keneseth Israel's Chevrah Mishnah; S. Garber, Nachman Bank, Sussman Segal, S. Blez, B. G. Berman, C. A. Kohn, Isaac Segal, now president of the congregation, one of the leading figures on the building committee which twenty-five years ago was charged with the duty of financing and launching the present Keneseth Israel synagogue; Joseph Markus, now vice president; J. Kaplan, Judel Grodnick, Abraham Isaacs, J. Korngold, M. Strimling, Zelig Kapien, S. Miller, H. S. Lippman, Morris Borowsky, Ben Marienhoff, D. Blumenfield.

*May the Light of the Torah Continue to Shine in
Our Synagogue for Years to Come.*

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(Organized with the Founding of the Congregation)

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The records of O'Hel Jacob have faded with the effects of time on ink, and the only name in the record that still remains legible is that of Reuben Schulman, treasurer. But memory records still remain, and among the first presidents of O'Hel Jacob—and of Beth Hamedrash Hagodol from which O'Hel Jacob sprang—are recalled the names of I. Dworsky, Finkleberg, Simon Joseph Shalett, and Joseph Cohen. The written record of O'Hel Jacob shows its monthly expense was twelve dollars for rent, sixteen dollars for a chazan, and five dollars for a shammes.

Like all other young organizations, O'Hel Jacob found difficulty, financial and otherwise. Its quarters upstairs of the store on Second street near Sixth avenue north were inadequate for the large assemblages gathering on holidays. It was necessary then to rent for Holidays the Turner Hall at Washington and Fifth avenues north, now the site of a farm implement building. But the upstairs quarters on Second street apparently were unsuited even for the gatherings for daily services. Abraham Farsht, owner of that building, still reminisces of the day when in his store downstairs, he noted the ceiling was beginning to sag. He ran upstairs to sound the alarm, the service was disrupted, and the worshippers quickly abandoned the building.

The near-tragedy gave impetus to what had become a definite want, a synagogue to house the needs of the congregation. Leaders of the congregation got together. A lot was purchased at 527-529 Fourth street north. O'Hel Jacob congregation was dissolved. On December 22, 1891, a charter was drawn for Chnessis Israel. Two days later the new charter was filed with the secretary of state in St. Paul, bearing the names of Kevey Goldblum, Nathan Lowenthal, Isaac Schulman, Harris Rosenberg, J. Gittelsohn, H. Edelman, S. Joseph Shalett, and I. Harris.

Forty-six persons were present at the first meeting of Congregation Chnessis Israel. Mr. Goldblum was named president, Harry Edelman, vice-president; N. Freedman, secretary; I. Levin, treasurer; and the trustees were Mr. Gittelsohn, M. L. Skoll, who was Gabai Zdokah; Mr. Harris, Joseph Cohen, and Mr. Shalett. Nathan Wolpert had been shammes for O'Hel Jacob and was continued in the same position. Officers of O'Hel Jacob formally turned over to Chnessis Israel all congregation property. An item in cash was eighty-three dollars which was turned over by Treasurer Schulman.

Fulfillment of the desire for a synagogue building was not easy. Members of the congregation were not so well off financially that they were able to put their hands in their pockets and say "here it is."

They faced the problem of a new synagogue, and they also wanted a rabbi. They contracted with Rabbi I. Jaffa to become spiritual leader, and he assumed his duties in October, 1892. Earlier in the same year the congregation found it fairly easy to purchase a Sefar, Torah, but when it came to get ornaments for the Torah it was found necessary to appeal to sources outside Minneapolis. Two months after the engagement of Rabbi Jaffa the congregation received its first set of Gemoras, Babylonian Talmud, from one of its members, N. Lebo. It was Mr. Lebo, too, who provided the gift Taleth when it was decreed no one should come to the Ohmed without one—and some of the worshippers had none.

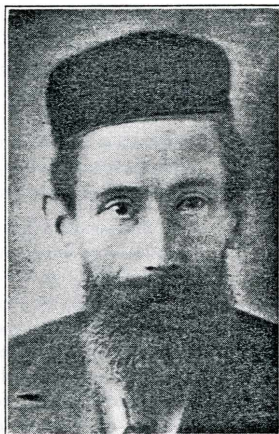
Past Spiritual Leaders

RABBI I. JAFFA

First Spiritual Leader

1892-1901

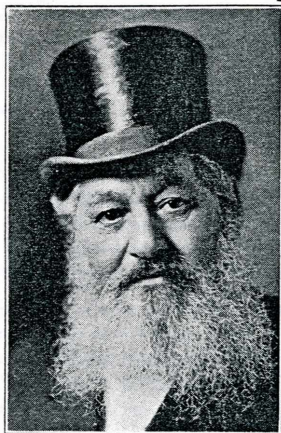
Died, Jerusalem, 1907



RABBI S. M. SILBER

1902-1925

Died, Adar 21, 1925



*Under his guidance the
Synagogue enjoyed its greatest
period of growth*



RABBI DR. MOSES ROMM

1925-1931

But to get back to the effort for construction of a synagogue building. There were meetings, a series of "affairs," solicitations. Out of them the congregation paid off the \$949.19 mortgage on the Fourth street lot. After more delay and increased effort, it was possible to award a contract for \$2,996 for the erection of a house of worship. President Goldblum advanced the first down-payment of \$500. On November 19, 1893, the Jewish community gathered on the Fourth street side for the cornerstone-laying ceremony. Mayor William H. Eustis won the privilege of putting the cornerstone in place.

Construction got under way, but money was still a problem. The congregation pondered on how that building was to be paid for. Mr. Shalett, who had been one of the leaders in the movement for the new building, had moved to Chicago, and it was thought he should be induced to return to take charge of solicitations. He accepted the call, and returned to Minneapolis. How he carried out his task is clearly recorded in the records of those days. Not only did he seek out Jews but non-Jews as well, and the minutes of some of these meetings show that two of the contributions, each for five dollars, came from J. C. Pillsbury and his brother Charles A. Pillsbury of the flour milling family bearing their name. The building was finally completed, and was dedicated April 15, 1894. S. Garber bought the privilege of opening the building for \$26. And again Mayor Eustis was in evidence, paying for the privilege of lighting the Ner Tamid. (It was later that same year, August 9, 1894, to be exact, that the congregation amended its articles in order that the spelling of the name should be changed from Chnessis Israel to Kenesseth Israel, as it is today).

Isaac Schulman, intimately and generally called Ike Schulman, became secretary of the congregation a short time before the new edifice was dedicated, and with that secretaryship began the long period of service to the Jewish community that had manifold ramifications, including service in the organization and development of many institutions which Kenesseth Israel mothered.

Elected at the same time to the post of treasurer, was Nathan Lowenthal, who later was to be one of the driving forces in the establishment, the financing, the construction, and finally the retirement of all outstanding obligations of the present Kenesseth Israel synagogue on Lyndale between Fifth and Sixth avenues north. Kevey Goldblum at the same time was re-elected president of the congregation for a three-year term.

As was said, the Fourth street synagogue was dedicated in August, 1894, as the high holidays were approaching. How successful the venture proved to be was shown by the fact that there was a net profit of \$592 for the first Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur service held in that building.

And then it was that the congregation began to think of giving its children a Jewish education. There had been "rebbe's" to teach the young, but in the minds of members of the congregation was the thought of what the old world had done through its Talmud Torahs. A committee of three was appointed to consider ways and means of establishing a Talmud Torah. Ike Schulman was one member of the committee. Mr. Shalett was another. Ben Nathanson was the third.

Past Presidents



KEVEY GOLDBLUM



NATHAN LOWENTHAL



MAX DAVIS



HENRY B. COHEN

After some deliberation and negotiation, the committee proposed an acceptable plan, and the Keneseth Israel Hebrew Free School was formally launched in 1894. Jewish lodges were asked to support the Free school. Unexpected support came in May, 1896, when the Montefiore Free School (now Temple Israel Religious School) offered \$500 as a loan toward erection of a Talmud Torah building on the synagogue site.

The story of the Talmud Torah is a story all its own. But it can be briefly sketched here in connection with the history of the congregation which gave it birth. The educational unit remained on the site of Keneseth Israel until 1910. Then it was remodeled and moved to a new site and closer to the area from which it drew its youthful students. The names of the men who gave of their time and effort to launch the institution on its new phase of life will be remembered as long as the institution exists, as long as its "mother," Keneseth Israel exists, for the sponsors of the school were the members of the synagogue. Included among those names must be noted that of Nathan Waisbren, H. Feder, N. Eisenstadt, H. Feweles, Dave Meyers, I. Schochet, Nachman Bank, Jacob Cohen, Nathan Lowenthal, and Dr. George J. Gordon, who now for several years has been director of the educational institution. The Bassett place structure by 1914 became inadequate. On April 17, 1915, the new Talmud Torah at Fremont and Eighth avenues north was dedicated and on that same day the first class was graduated from the institution.

To get back to the affairs of Keneseth Israel, however, the turn of the century found Goldblum giving way to Harry Edelman in the presidency, only to be again elected in 1901. Nathan Lowenthal was vice president; Isaac Schulman was secretary. Early in that year, too, the records show, Keneseth Israel became a member of the Union of Orthodox Congregations of America. In that year, too, Rabbi Jaffa left for Palestine and the congregation began discussing necessity for a rabbi for the entire community. Representatives of all orthodox synagogues were called to a mass meeting and Keneseth Israel offered to contribute toward the expense of a chief rabbi double the sum which any of the other congregations would give.

It was with the election of Mr. Lowenthal as president of Keneseth Israel as the year 1901 was ending that the plan for a chief rabbi began to materialize. The result was the election, on January 19, 1902, of Rabbi S. M. Silber.

Few men have left their mark on the community as did this spiritual leader. Patriarch of the old school, Rabbi Silber came here from Kroz, Lithuania, to assume the religious leadership of Keneseth Israel, and to maintain it not alone for Keneseth Israel but for the entire orthodox community for a period of nearly a quarter of a century. He served not only as arbiter in affairs that were strictly Jewish, but was an outstanding figure in the consideration of the oft-recurring problems of the community in general as related to its Jewish inhabitants. When he died in 1925, his departure was felt not alone by Minneapolis Jewry but by the city as a whole. To many the scenes of mass attendance at his funeral are still vivid in memory.

In December, 1901, with Mr. Lowenthal as president, were named Mr. Edelman as vice-president; Harris Rosenberg as treasurer, and Mr. Schulman again as secre-

BUILDING COMMITTEE — 1913



FRONT Row (left to right): Isaac Schulman,* Nathan Lowenthal,* Rabbi S. M. Silber,* Abe Kaplan,* Rev. S. Chazin, Joseph Cohen,* B. S. Segal,* SECOND Row (same order): Lazar B. Levin,* Max Davis, Isaac Segal, Joseph Goldfus,* M. I. Kaplan, Moses Dulkan,* Nathan Eisenstadt,* Morris Borovsky, Selig Kaplan, N. Welpert,* J. B. Cohen,* Hirsh Swiller,* THIRD Row (same order): Harris Rosenberg,* Philip Cohen, Meyer Segal, Abe Witebsky,* Miss Evelyn Witebsky, Hessel Spodeck, Harry Edelman,* Joseph Borenstein.* (* = deceased.)

tary. But the following December Mr. Schulman declined re-election, having served as secretary for eight years, and was succeeded by Nathan Eisenstadt. Mr. Eisenstadt remained as secretary until 1928, continued his affiliation with the synagogue for the ensuing 10 years, and had looked forward to participating in the golden jubilee when overtaken by illness and death in March of this year, 1938.

In 1905, Mr. Lowenthal gave up the presidency of the synagogue to become treasurer. Harry Edelman was named president. Max Davis became vice president. In 1906 Isaac Schulman returned to leadership as president, Mr. Spodick at the same time being named vice president, and J. Dworsky treasurer.

The year 1907 found J. J. Shochet as president. The congregation was rapidly outgrowing its synagogue on Fourth street. Members began to consider ways and means of securing a new home, a larger home, a house of worship nearer to the center of population of its worshipers. During the following year, with Ben Nathanson as president, various sites were considered, none of which were thought entirely satisfactory, but the work went on and on May 8, 1910, President Jacob Rosenberg and his board of trustees recorded the purchase of a lot at 518 Lyndale Avenue North, site of the present Keneseth Israel.

It was not until 1912, however, when Nathan Lowenthal again had been named to the presidency that the hopes of a new synagogue building in a "more centrally located Jewish district" as the minutes described the purpose began to near fulfillment. An active building committee was named, consisting of the following: Joseph Cohen, Isaac Segal, Abraham Kaplan, Nathan Waisbren, Lazar B. Levin, Abe Wirebsky, Philip Cohen, Joseph Goldfus, Moses Dalkin, Isaac Schulman, Nathan Eisenstadt, Morris Borowsky, Joseph Borenstein, Meyer Segal, H. Feweles, Harry Edelman, and Max Davis. In May of that same year the contract for the new building was awarded.

In that same year 1912, under authority of the congregation, Mrs. Alexander Berman organized the Keneseth Israel Ladies Auxiliary, and her mother, Mrs. I. J. Cohen, became first president. In that same year the Gymal Doled Club contributed \$520 in proceeds from a dance towards synagogue financing. When the annual election period came along in December, congregation members decided the existing body of officers deserved re-election and re-elected they were.

Work on the new building continued, as likewise did the work of raising funds for it. The new edifice was formerly dedicated with ceremonies that climaxed a parade from the old synagogue to the new in August 1913. The old property on Fourth street was sold to Arthur M. Harris. The congregation congratulated itself on its new home, and the only immediate problem was how to pay off the obligation. But the entire debt was paid off in a space of eight years, and the golden jubilee is paying tribute to three persons who did outstanding work to make the retirement of the obligations so quickly possible. One of the three was Nathan Lowenthal. Another was his wife. The third was Abraham Kaplan, vice president.

It was in the year after the congregation moved into its new building that Nathan Wolpert ended his activity as shammas after 27 years of service, to be suc-

Present Officers



JOSEPH MARKUS
First Vice President



HARRY MARK
Second Vice President



ISAAC SEGAL
President



MORRIS GOLDMAN
Treasurer



ABRAHAM ANSEL
House Committee



JEHUDA E. COHEN
Sexton

ceeded by K. Balman, the latter in turn succeeded by Mr. Hinitz, he in turn succeeded by J. E. Cohen, now shammes.

In passing, there must be remembered in the year of the dedication the effort of younger members of the congregation to establish a Friday night service resulted in engagement of Rabbi S. Davidovitz to conduct the service in English. While the new enterprise did not last long at Keneseth Israel, it gave birth to the idea out of which finally evolved Beth El synagogue.

In 1914 the world went to war. In 1916 some members of the congregation conceived the idea of a silver jubilee, but conditions were uncertain because of the conflict in Europe, and when in the following year America itself entered the conflict and drew into uniform many of the young people of Keneseth Israel, the silver jubilee idea was abandoned. Throughout the war period and for three years afterward the congregation worked under the Lowenthal leadership to "pay off" the new building.

When the obligation was liquidated Mr. Lowenthal expressed to the congregation the belief that he should not be asked to continue in office. The new slate of officers thereupon was named as follows: Max Davis, president; Isaac Schulman, vice president; Mr. Eisenstadt, secretary; and Henry B. Cohen, treasurer. Mr. Davis continued as president until 1928, when H. B. Cohen was elected to the post.

The years following the war were years of normal routine, with the synagogue growing in membership strength and in community influence. Mourning came with the death of Rabbi Silber in 1925. In November of that year Rabbi Moses Romm was engaged to succeed Rabbi Silber, also as chief rabbi of the city. He continued in that position for a period of six years. When he resigned in September, 1931, he was succeeded by Rabbi Hirsh Heiman.

Rabbi Heiman, just come from Palestine after studies there and previous studies at the Telz and Slobodka yeshevas in Lithuania, was elected December 7, 1931, and was installed January 24 of the following year.

In 1935, Isaac Segal was elevated to the post of President and is still serving the congregation in that capacity.

The intimate history of Keneseth Israel since then needs no delineation, it is still fresh in the minds of all. But its affiliate stories must be told "for the record." As was told earlier in this jubilee history, Keneseth Israel has been the mother of other institutions, not alone of the Talmud Torah, of other synagogues, but of the Children's home, of the Home for the Aged, of the various welfare groups. It is difficult to point to any Jewish communal institution in which members of Keneseth Israel have not had some outstanding function.

Activities of Keneseth Israel itself center about several groups. There is the Men's Club, organized in 1937; the Ladies Auxiliary, the Chevrah Mishnah, Chevrah Thillim, Chevrah Shass, as well as study groups for boys of different ages organized and conducted by Rabbi Heiman.

Ladies' Auxiliary



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Vice President



MRS. A. LONDON
Secretary



MRS. M. SWILLER
Treasurer

Tonight, Sunday, April 3, 1938, the Minneapolis Jewish community celebrates the golden jubilee of Keneseth Israel, to honor those still living who gave their strength and effort to its life, to pay tribute to the memory of those who have passed on.

The "old timers" tonight will reminisce and the younger generation will listen and pledge themselves to carry on. It is the golden jubilee of an institution which has left its mark upon the development of the community. It is fitting that Isaiah's words used in 49, 18 be here repeated: "Lift up thy eyes, round about and see; they all are assembled together, they come to thee . . . And thou wilt say in thy heart, Who hath born me these?"

"Aim Habonim S'meicho"—Joyful is the mother of the children—Keneseth Israeli.



Present Spiritual Leader



RABBI HIRSH HEIMAN

Rabbi Hirsh Heiman was born in Rietavas, Lithuania. He received his earlier education in the Rabbinical colleges of Telz and Slabodka. In 1924 he went to Palestine when a branch of the Slabodka Yeshivah was opened in the ancient city of Hebron and spent seven years of study of the Rabbinical and Hebrew literature. Rabbi Heiman was ordained by the famous scholars and Rabbinical authorities of Palestine, the late Rabbi M. M. Epstein, the head of the Yeshivahs Slabodka and Hebron, the late Chief Rabbi A. I. Kook, the late Rabbi Eliahu Klatzkin of Lublin, and Rabbi E. S. Meltzer, dean, of Etz Chaim Yeshivah in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Heiman was married to the former Anne Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Roberts of Minneapolis, in 1929, in Tel Aviv, Palestine. Rabbi Heiman came to the United States in August, 1931, and was elected to his present position in December of the same year.

Rabbi Heiman is a member of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of America and a member of the Rabbinical Council. He serves on the National Council for the United Palestine Appeal, and on the Board of the National Mizrahi Organization of America. Rabbi Heiman is taking an active part in the work of the Minneapolis Federation, serves on the Boards of the Minneapolis Talmud Torah, The Jewish Family Welfare and the Children's Home.

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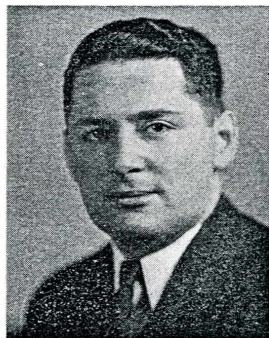
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KENESSETH ISRAEL MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club of Keneseth Israel was established in 1937, in response to a long felt need for a group representing the younger element of the synagogue. It owes its existence to the untiring efforts of Mr. Jehudah E. Cohen, who was instrumental in bringing together the first group of seven or eight men who formed the nucleus of the organization. Its membership now numbering about 125 contains many of the sons and grandsons of the founders of Keneseth Israel, men who feel bound to the synagogue by ties both sentimental as well as religious. Its purpose is to perpetuate the rich traditions of Judaism, and to keep alive the finer elements of that religious spirit for which Orthodox Jewry is noted.

During the first year, through a varied program of speakers and entertainment, it has attempted to stimulate the interest of its members along lines of modern Jewish problems and subjects of general Jewish interest and in the coming year, hopes to launch more definitely on a campaign to enlist the active cooperation of the younger American Jews in synagogue affairs—to restore the synagogue to its place as a center of Jewish life, by bringing into participation, those people who rightfully belong, but who because of circumstances have not taken part in recent years.

It is the purpose of the Men's Club to interest itself in current Jewish problems, and in so doing, it fills a particular need at a time when Jews the world over are threatened with destruction.

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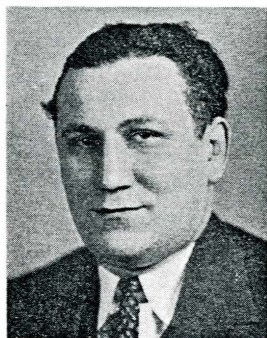
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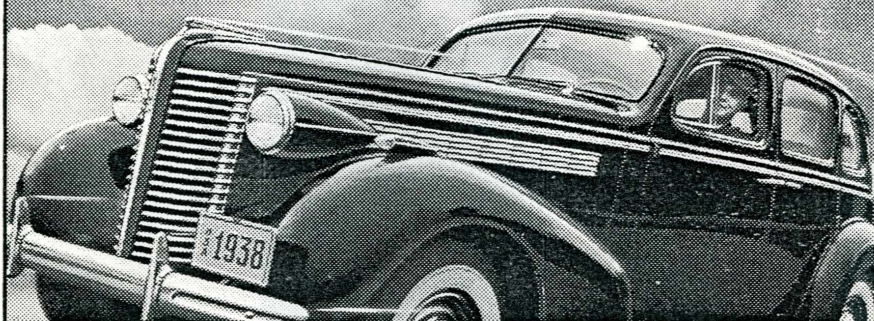
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Rabbi Epstein came to the United States from Lithuania in 1909 at the age of six. After receiving his education in Chicago schools and Yeshivah, he went in 1921 to the Slabodka Yeshivah to obtain a higher Jewish education and was ordained as Rabbi in 1924. He then left for Palestine where he spent two more years of study in the Hebron Yeshivah, and obtained additional degrees from the late Rabbi A. I. Kook, the Chief Rabbi of Palestine and others.

Rabbi Epstein's secular education was at Emory University where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree, and his Master of Arts degree.

During 1927-1928 he served as religious leader of Congregation B'nai Emunah, Tulsa, Okla. In 1928 he entered the pulpit of his present congregation, Ahavath Achim, Atlanta, Ga. Rabbi Epstein is the author of "Basis of Religious Certainty in Judaism" and of "Judaism and Progress" published in 1935, an excellent series of sermons and addresses dealing with the modern problems confronting Judaism. This book was hailed as one of the outstanding works of present day contributions to Jewish literature by critics, leading Jews and non-Jews.

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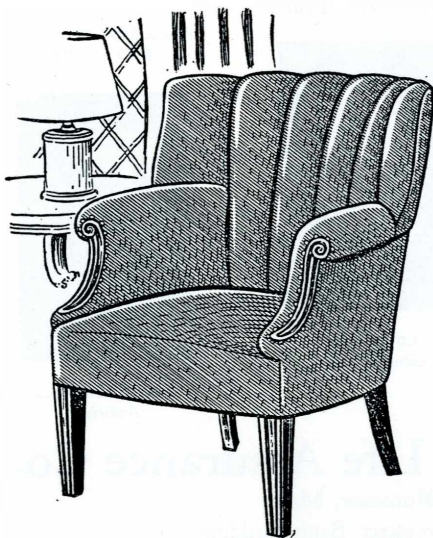
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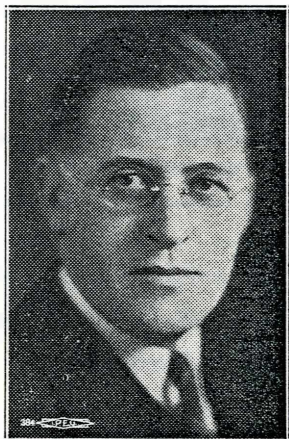
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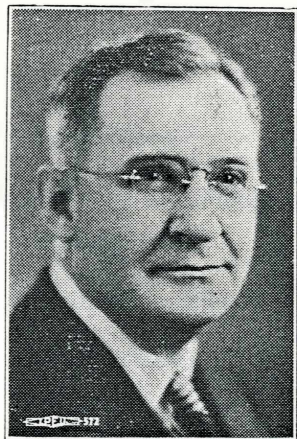
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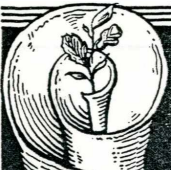
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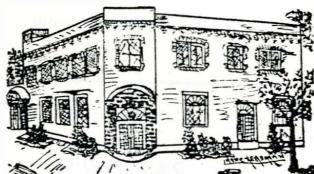
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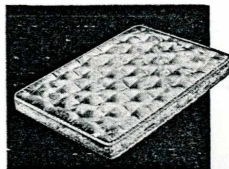
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